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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures ranged from near normal in the west to about 7 degrees below normal along the Missouri River. High temperatures were only slightly above the freezing point in the northwest on Tuesday. Maximums were in the 70s on Easter Sunday in the southwest. Other day-to-day changes were slight.

Only light precipitation occurred during the week. Snow on Monday and Tuesday in the west ranged upward to about two inches. Scattered showers on Easter averaged less than .05 inch in the east. There was considerable cloudiness, moderate to strong winds and relatively low humidity.

Temperatures and precipitation for March were both above normal at most points.

CROPS Wet ground continued to slow oats planting and other field work in the east. However, good progress was made in the central districts and also in the west where seeding of spring grains and sugar beets moved along without delay.

About 20 percent of the States' oats crop is now in the ground compared with the average for this date of 27 percent. The soil is cold and wet in the east and especially in the southeast. Sunshine and warm weather would be most welcome.

Winter grains are generally in good to excellent condition and have made rapid early growth. The moisture received during the month of March greatly increased the prospects for the wheat crop. Many areas, particularly in the west, will need generous amounts of moisture as the plants grow. Subsoil moisture reserves are low.

In the corn and sorghum producing areas of the State, some farmers are delaying field work until more definite acreage data are received relative to the current Feed Grain Program. Spreading fertilizer was one of the main items of field work the past week where fields were dry enough. Reports indicate a large part of the wheat acreage in some counties has been fertilized. Winter grain fields have furnished good pasture especially in the southwest.

LIVESTOCK In general, livestock made good gains during the week. Reports on the new calf crop continue favorable with only light losses. Eastern feed lots dried some during the past week.

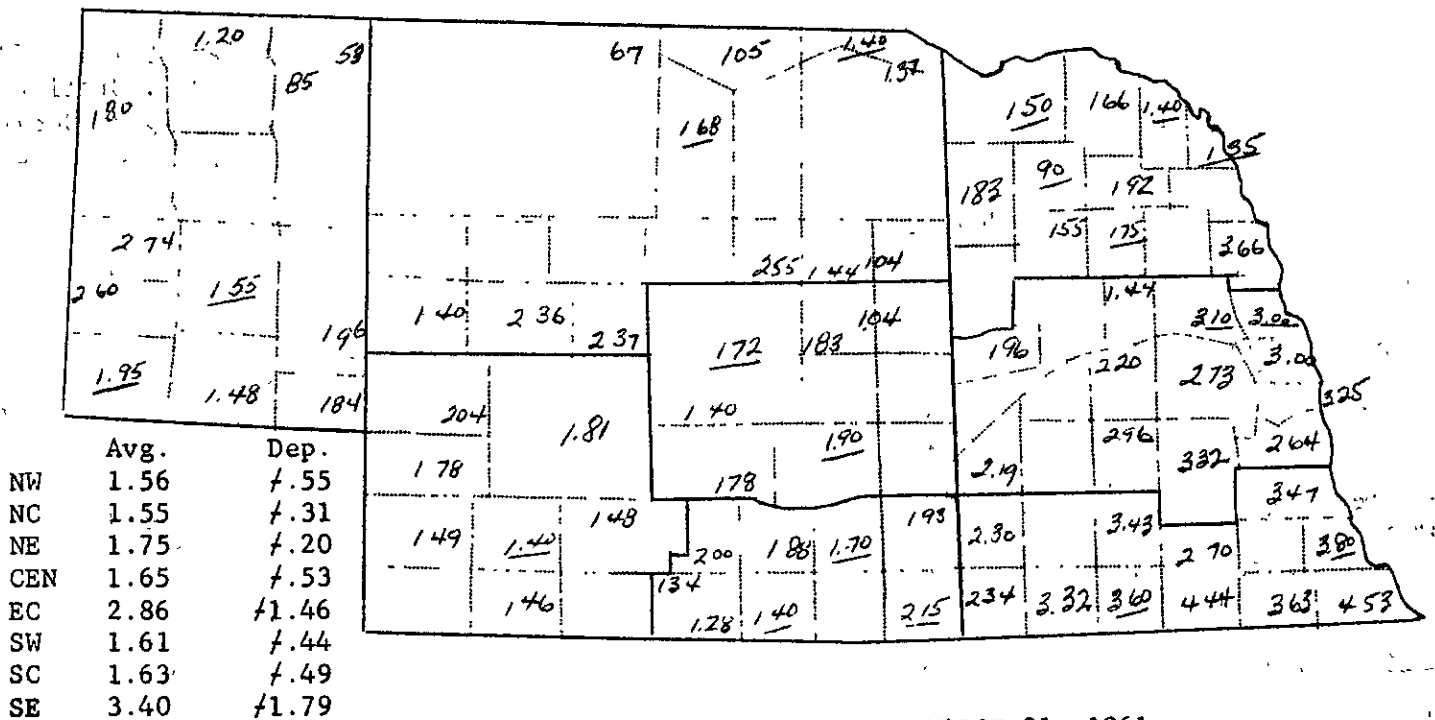
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.02	North Platte	T	Imperial	.07
Norfolk	.05	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	.22			Sidney	.27
Sioux City	.17				

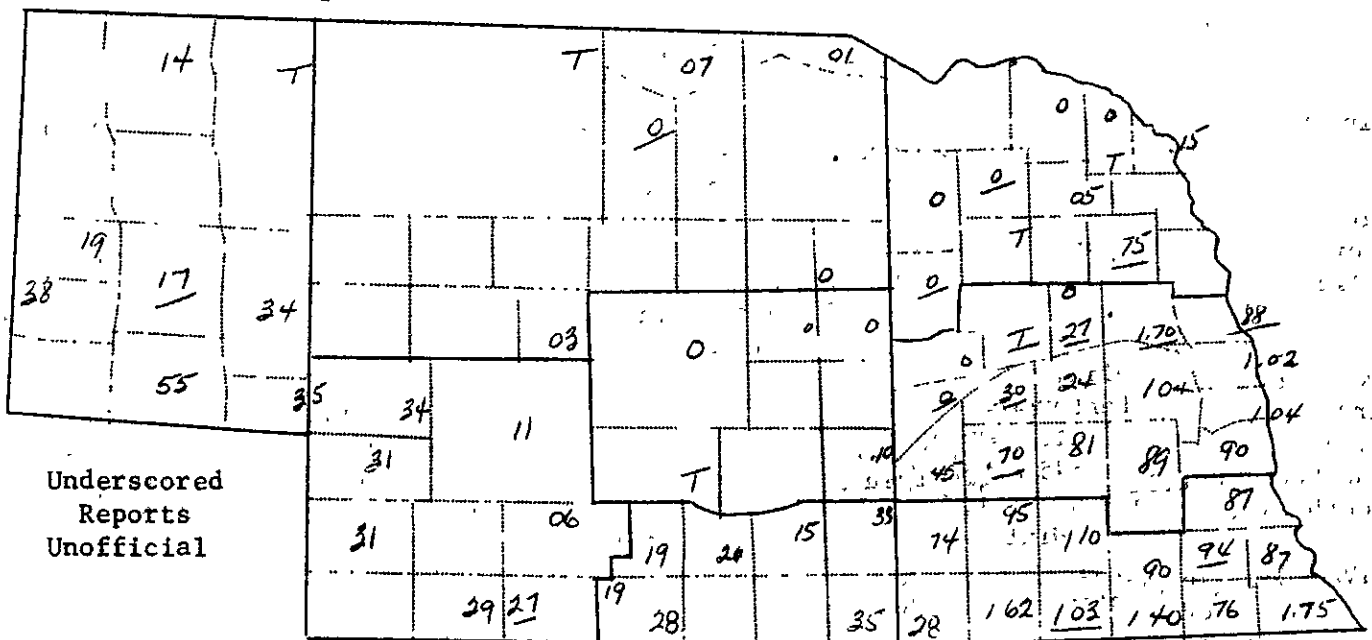
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1961



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		March				April			
		28th		29th		30th		31st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	45	27	34	19	49	21	56	30
	Scottsbluff	50	26	32	24	42	21	56	35
	Sidney	51	24	33	24	36	19	54	30
NC	Burwell	40	28	41	22	52	22	62	25
	Valentine	34	25	35	17	51	23	59	22
NE	Norfolk	40	28	41	25	49	24	59	30
	Sioux City	43	30	43	20	47	28	59	30
CEN	Grand Island	48	30	40	29	51	27	56	30
	Lincoln	45	30	37	32	50	31	55	34
	Omaha	42	29	40	30	49	29	54	32
SW	Imperial	55	28	33	25	42	24	56	29
	North Platte	52	28	36	25	50	22	60	30